

Senate Bill No. 669

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CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 5854 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the environment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 669, Torlakson. Continuous regional recreation corridors.

Existing law requires the Delta Protection Commission to adopt a plan and implementation program for a continuous regional recreation corridor around the delta, including bicycle and hiking trails and a finance and maintenance plan.

This bill would additionally require the plan to promote water conservation, encourage greater infill and compact development, protect natural resources and agricultural lands, and revitalize urban and community centers, consistent with a delta resource management plan adopted by the commission.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5854 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

5854. (a) In accordance with the requirements of subdivision (c), the commission shall develop and adopt a plan and implementation program, including a finance and maintenance plan, for a continuous regional recreational corridor that will extend around the delta, including, but not limited to, the delta's shorelines in Contra Costa, Solano, San Joaquin, Sacramento, and Yolo Counties. This plan shall link the San Francisco Bay Trail system to the planned Sacramento River trails in Yolo and Sacramento Counties. This plan shall include a specific route of a bicycling and hiking trail, the relationship of the route to existing and proposed park and recreational facilities and land and water trail systems, and links to existing and proposed public transportation and transit. The transportation and transit links may include, but are not limited to, roadside bus stops, transit facilities, and transportation facilities. This plan shall promote water conservation, encourage greater infill and compact development, protect natural resources and agricultural lands, and revitalize

urban and community centers in a manner that is consistent with the delta resource management plan, pursuant to Section 29760. The continuous regional recreational corridor planned and executed pursuant to this chapter shall be called the Great California Delta Trail. The continuous regional recreational corridor shall include, but not be limited to, bikeway systems, and hiking and bicycling trails.

(b) The Great California Delta Trail plan shall do all of the following:

(1) Provide that designated environmentally sensitive areas, including wildlife habitats and wetlands, shall not be adversely affected by the trail.

(2) Provide for appropriate buffer zones along those portions of the bikeway system adjacent to designated environmentally sensitive areas and areas with private uses, when appropriate.

(3) Provide that the land and funds used for any purposes under this chapter are not considered mitigation for wetlands losses.

(4) Provide alternative routes to avoid impingement on environmentally sensitive areas, traditional hunting and fishing areas, and areas with private uses, when appropriate.

(5) Provide that no motorized vehicles, except to the extent necessary for emergency services, including, but not limited to, medical and structural emergencies, and for handicap access, be allowed on the trail.

(c) The commission may develop and adopt the plan and the implementation program if it receives sufficient funds, from sources other than the General Fund, to finance the full costs of developing and adopting the plan. The commission shall submit the plan and the implementation program to the Legislature and each of the counties within the commission's service area not later than two years after the commission determines that sufficient funds will be available to complete the plan and implementation program.

(d) The commission shall administer the funds used in the planning of the trail.

Approved _____, 2007

Governor